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1. EMBOFF RECENTLY DISCUSSED WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM AND APR 24-26 MEETING OF PACT FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES IN HUNGARY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE. (INSTITUTE PERFORMS MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM RESEARCH FOR MFA AND HSWP FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.)

2. ACCORDING THESE SOURCES, PROCESS OF INSTITUTIONALIZING POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS HAS GONE VERY SLOWLY AND IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO GO SLOWLY. WHILE A SECRETARIAT, LED BY A RUSSIAN, HAS BEEN FORMED IT DOES LITTLE WORK AND HAS "HARDLY GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND." SAME SOURCE STRESSED THAT SERIES OF
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BILATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND PARTY OFFICIALS OF WARSAW PACT MEMBERS ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT FOR FORMULATING HUNGARIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

3. WITHOUT SAYING SO EXPLICITLY, INSTITUTE OFFICIALS CONVEYED IMPRESSION HUNGARIANS NOT RPT NOT EAGER TO SEE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM DEVELOP INTO AN IMPOR-

TANT MEANS FOR FOREIGN POLICY COORDINATION.
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